Board members present: Chairman Obie O’Brien, Vice-Chairman Paul Jewell and Commissioner Gary Berndt.

Planning Commission members present: Bob Hickey, Rob Fraser, Brandon Huber, Leslie Walker, and Gary Starkovich

Others: Rose Shriner, Clerk of the Planning Commission; Jeff Watson, Staff Planner; Neil Caulkins, Deputy Prosecutor; Doc Hansen, Planning Administrator; Lindsey Ozbolt, Staff Planner, Mark Larsen; Public Health Officer; Robin Reed, Public Health Director; and approximately thirty members of the public.

At 6:30 p.m. Chairman O’Brien opened a joint Special Meeting between the Kittitas County Board of Commissioners and the Planning Commission to review draft proposed changes to the County’s Comprehensive Plan and regulations in an effort to comply with the State’s Growth Management Act. He noted it was a Special Meeting and not a Public Hearing, so there would be no public comment taken at this time.

Doc Hansen, Planning Official presented a powerpoint on the Growth Management Act compliance changes that were taken into effect June 3rd, 2013. Mr. Hansen outlined the various changes needed to reach additional compliance. Mr. Hansen encouraged the board to add suggestions to the document such as more directive language. Discussion was made about the use of the LAMIRD table and measures used to achieve compliance.

Dr. Mark Larsen, Public Health Administrator, presented a powerpoint on the upcoming proposed Comprehensive Plan Water usage compliance efforts. He briefly spoke about what those proposed regulations are, definitions of exempt and non-exempt uses, process, metering and enforcement. The Board members asked questions of staff about scenarios of water exemptions.

Discussions continued regarding water rights, metered water use, and enforcement.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Rose Shrinier
Planning Commission Clerk

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